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Official Announcements



Welcome Home Heroes! Celebrate a Safe Return!

The Welcome Home Celebration for the return of the 54th Eng Bn, 317th Main. Co and 71st CSB will take place at Memorial Park on Fri. Dec 8, starting at 3 p.m. for all Soldiers and family members of the returning units. The Bamberg Community is welcome to join the party starting at 7 p.m. (Military ID card holders and their guests) Don't miss live entertainment including Shag, Country Blend, Major Game and O.D. on stage. Fireworks start at 8:45 p.m.



Do you want to become a Warrant Officer? Attend Brief on Thur. Dec. 14

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft Knox, Kentucky will brief qualifications and application procedures to all Soldiers, Airman, Marines, and Sailors interested in becoming U.S. Army Warrant Officers. All applicants and /or their family members/friends are encouraged to attend. You are encouraged to bring your application to the briefing for a one on one review. Briefing will take place at the Bamberg Education Center, Bldg. 7047, 3rd Floor, Rm 303 on Thur. Dec 14 at 1:30 p.m.

The Warrant Officer Corps is critically short in the following areas: Military Intelligence, Special Forces, Criminal Investigation, and Airdrop Systems Technicians. For more information contact Mr. James Willis at 469-8836. More information can also be found at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant.

Holiday Decorating Contest

Get in the spirit of the season by registering to participate in the Holiday Decorating Contest. Yards, Balconies and Stairwells will be judged. Participants must register through the Housing Zone Coordinator SFC James Polk at 469-1560 or mobile at 0162-271-1344. Registration is open now through Dec. 18. Win an AAFES



Gift Card, a sign of recognition and more! Judging will be Dec. 19 - 21. AAFES has everything you need to turn your Yard, Balcony, or stairwell into a winter wonderland WINNER! Check out the great selection of wreaths, indoor and outdoor lights, holiday decorations and more at the Christmas Shop located next to the Pxtra!

Safety Tips for the Holiday Season

The Bamberg Safety Office reminds everyone to be careful when decorating during the holiday season. Nothing looks as festive as a Poinsettia, but did you know that some common holiday plants are poisonous to both humans and pets? The following decorative holiday plants are toxic when ingested.



The Poinsettia

Ingestion or contact can cause irritation (vomiting, diarrhea, or skin rashes) Seek medical attention.



Mistletoe

All parts (especially the berries) are poisonous and cause a variety of symptoms to include heart problems. Seek medical attention if more than 3 berries have been eaten.



Holly

Eating a small number of berries causes gastritis and possibly drowsiness. Eating a large number of berries may require medical treatment.

Most calls received by poison-control centers involve children under 6 years. Keep toxic plants out of reach of young children. Teach children not to put any parts of plants into their mouths. Call LRMC's poison-control center (06371-86-7070) for emergencies

HERO Act expands IRA eligibility for deployed service members—U.S. Army, Europe Public Affairs

Servicemembers and their families tend to have a few more rules to master than the average American when it comes to tax time: which allowances are taxable? Are they qualified for a combat-zone tax exemption, and if so, for how much of their income? What about a reenlistment bonus earned while deployed but not paid until redeployment – is it taxable? This tax season, another question will likely be high on a Soldier's list: what is the **HERO Act**, and how can it work for me?

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The HERO Act

The answer, according to the Internal Revenue Service, is that members of the military serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other combat zones can now put money into an individual retirement account, even if they received tax-free combat pay. Under the Heroes Earned Retirement Opportunities Act, signed into law on Memorial Day, servicemembers can now count tax-free combat pay when determining whether they qualify to contribute to either a Roth or traditional IRA. Before this change, military members whose earnings came entirely from tax-free combat pay were generally barred from using IRAs to save for retirement.

"The HERO act is one more way to let our fighting forces in combat areas know that we support them," said IRS commissioner Mark W. Everson. "This is a good way for people serving in combat zones to save more of their earnings for retirement." Additionally, the HERO Act allows servicemembers who received tax-free combat pay in either 2004 or 2005 to go back and make IRA contributions for those years. Those eligible have until May 28, 2009, to make these retroactive contributions.

For tax tips and more information on issues affecting uniformed taxpayers, go to www.irs.gov and enter the keyword "military" in the search field. *(Editor's note: Some information for this article was drawn from IRS press releases)*

Community Closures / Changes

Fri. Dec 15 — Customs Office is CLOSED

The Bamberg Customs Office will be CLOSED on Fri. Dec. 15 for training.

Holiday Hours for the Bamberg Health Clinic

The Bamberg Health Clinic Holiday Hours will be in effect Dec. 18 through Jan. 2. The clinic will be open Mon. through Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except Thursdays it closes at 4 p.m.) The clinic will close at noon on Fri. Dec 15.

Bamberg Post Office Holiday Hours

Get you holiday mailing done! The Post Office is open Saturdays Dec. 9, and 16 from noon to 4 p.m. and Mon. thru Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays from noon to 6 p.m.

USAG Bamberg Mail Room Open Saturdays

For your convenience the USAG Bamberg Mail room will be open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec 9, 16, and 23.

CAC Hours of Operation Change

Effective Dec. 1: The Community Activity Center located in Bldg. 7047 will be now be open Mon. through Fri. from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on American Holidays and Training Holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

Weekly Reminders

Hand-Written Ration Cards no longer accepted

Before heading out to AAFES or the Commissary for any rationed items such as coffee or cigarettes, check to make certain your ration card has been filled out properly. AAFES and Commissary stores will no longer accept hand-written ration cards; the data must be stamped or typed according to the USAREUR Policy 600-702. This has been a problem that started recently as there have been a large number of hand-written ration cards. Please renew the ration card with your organizational ration representative (NCO) immediately, otherwise you will not be able to purchase any rationed items. For more info, contact your Customs Office in Bamberg at DSN 469-7460.

Job Corner

Contract for Catholic Coordinator

(Submissions due by Mon. Dec. 11)

The USAG Bamberg Community Chapel has a non-personal service contracting opportunity for a Catholic Parish Coordinator. The price associated with the services described in the Performance Work Statement are in a range of \$7,596.72 - \$9,495.90. The anticipated performance period is Dec. 15, 2006 through Dec. 14, 2007. Contact the RCO Wuerzburg for a copy of the solicitation packet which shall be used for submission. Completed packets are accepted up till Mon. Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. For more information contact Antonie Leuser, 0931-297-0223 or 351-4218.

Thrift Shop Looking for Auditor

Paid Temporary Position

The Bamberg Thrift Shop / BSCC has a paid part-time, project based position (under 20 hours per week) available for an experienced Auditor. Applicants should have an accounting background and be familiar with Quicken / Quick Books and Excel. Work can be done at home and can begin after the holidays. Anticipated performance period is about 3 to 4 months. Applications can be picked up at the Thrift Shop during business hours. Applications are due by Thur. Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. Contact the Thrift Shop Tuesday through Thursday at 0951-32408 or e-mail bambergthriftshop@yahoo.com for more information.

Coming Soon! CHRA-E Website has a new look!

A new design of the CHRA-E website will go live on Monday, Dec. 11. Take a sneak peek now! Log on to www.chra.eur.army.mil/news/new_home_page.doc

The redesigned site provides a new format for navigating through the same information. New features include a site search engine and a site map. Check it out today!



Candy Cane Day at the CAC

Every Wednesday in December stop by the Community Activity Center and pick up a FREE Candy Cane!

Continuing Education

Dec. 12 & 13 - ACAP 2-Day DOL / TAP Workshop

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is offering a 2-Day job assistance workshop for separating and retiring service members and their families on December 12 & 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Preston Hall. All participants must complete pre-separation counseling prior to enrolling in this course. Please call your Bamberg ACAP Office for more information at 469-8925 or 0951-300-8925.

Mon. Dec. 18 — ACAP Resume Writing Lab

Get the instruction you need to begin writing your resume at the Bamberg ACAP Resume Writing Lab on Mon. Dec. 18 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in Preston Hall Bldg 7080. Attendees should have already completed a 2-day Transitional Assistance Program (DOL/ TAP) workshop prior to the Resume Writing Lab. Please bring your VMET, TAP Workbook, Pencils, and Paper. Please call your Bamberg ACAP Office to make an appointment at 469-8925 or 0951-300-8925.

Community Chapel Events

Christmas / New Years

Worship Service Schedule

Catholic

Sun. Dec. 24	9 a.m.	Sunday Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
Mon. Dec. 25	10 a.m.	Christmas Mass
Sun. Dec. 31	9 a.m.	Sunday Mass (New Year's Service)

Protestant

Sun. Dec. 24	11 a.m.	Sunday Service
	5 p.m.	Candle Light Service
Sun. Dec. 31	11 a.m.	Sunday Service

Church of God and Christ

Sun. Dec. 24	12:45 p.m.	Sunday/Christmas Eve Service
Sun. Dec. 31	12:45 p.m.	Sunday Service
	10:30 p.m.	New Year's Watchnight Service

Free Gospel (Preston Hall Bldg. #7080 Kennedy Blvd.)

Sun. Dec. 24	11 a.m.	Sunday Service
Sun. Dec. 31	10:30 p.m.	New Year's Watchnight Service

Dec. 7 — Dec. 18



Support Chapel

Angel Tree Program

There's no better time for giving than the Holidays! With your help, the Community Chapel's Angel Tree Program can provide new toys for approximately 325 children (infant to 10 yrs old) in the Bamberg Military Community. Two "Angel Trees" will be placed on Warner Barracks, one in

the PX Main Store and one in the Chapel. The trees will be decorated with paper angel tags that bear the name, age

and gender of a child who will receive the gift. To participate in this program, remove one or more tags from the tree and purchase appropriate gifts for the child or children described on the tags. Please bring all purchased and wrapped gifts for your angel(s) to the Chapel tree no later than Mon. Dec. 18. For more information contact SSG Silva at 469-8139 or mobile 0160-9032-6331.

Sat. Dec 16— Tour Bamberg Nativity Scenes with CWOC

The Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) invites Bamberg Catholic Community families and single Soldiers for a Bamberg city trip to several churches' Nativity scenes. The car pool will depart at 10 a.m. from the Chapel parking lot on Sat. Dec 16. Admission to the churches is free, but bring Euros for parking, food or souvenirs from the Christmas Market. Dress warm and wear comfortable walking shoes. For more information contact Sandra.Kuplinski@eu.dodea.edu



Community Library Events

Sun. Dec 17 — Christmas Open House

Celebrate the Holiday Season at the Bamberg Community Library on Sun. Dec. 17 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Santa will pay a visit and read Christmas stories. Refreshments will be provided.

Enter Holiday Quiz

Test your knowledge of classic holiday traditions and win a gift certificate! Take the quiz by picking up a form at the Library front desk no later than Jan 2.

Tue. Dec 12— Holiday Card Party

Design a holiday card at the Library on Tue. Dec 12 at 3:30 p.m. This event is open to all ages.

Wed. Dec 20— Next Book Club Meeting

The Bamberg Book Club's next meeting is on Wed. Dec 20 at 6 p.m. at the Library.

Library Hours of Operation:

Mon. thru Thur. 11a.m. to 8 p.m.

CLOSED Fridays

Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information about Community library programs and events call 0951-300-1740.

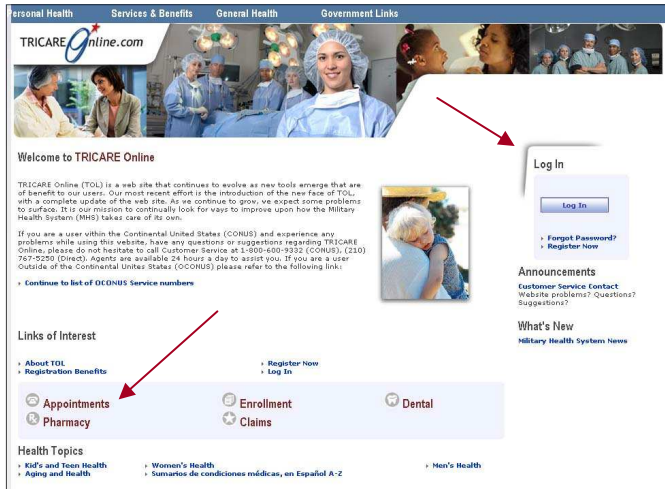


Holiday Cookies at Library
**Every Wednesday in
December stop by the
Library to try Holiday Treats
from around the world.**

Health and Fitness

Book Bamberg Health Clinic Appointments Online!

New! You can now book well-woman and some routine appointments online. This convenient service can be found on the TRICARE online website at www.tricareonline.com/welcome.do. Patients need to log-on and follow the prompts. Check it out. Of course you can still make appointments with the Health Clinic by calling 0951-300-1750.



www.tricareonline.com/welcome.do

Schools

Tue. Dec. 12—Attend Rockin' Holiday Show

Bamberg Elementary School Musical Performance Club presents a "Rockin' Holiday Show" on Tue. Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at the BES Gymnasium / Auditorium. The group will be singing and dancing to your holiday favorites in a spectacular new way! Be sure to bring your jingle bells, and be prepared to rock the night away!

Middle / High School Calendar

Thur. Dec 14 Choral Concert at 7 p.m. at the BHS Multi-Purpose Room

Don't miss the BHS Basketball Home Games



Fri. Dec. 8	vs. Vilseck
Sat. Dec. 16	vs. Wuerzburg
Sat. Feb. 3	vs. Ansbach
Fri. / Sat. Feb. 9 / 10	vs. Hanau
Sat. Feb. 17	vs. Hohenfels

Early Intervention Helps!

Early intervention with a child who is delayed in language, social, cognitive, fine motor or gross motor development can make a world of difference! There are many strategies you can use to help a child make the most of their learning abilities in early childhood. Almost all children can learn to read, when intervention strategies start at age four or five.

Developmental Signs that might suggest a learning disability in a pre-school child:

- Language delay (late in talking)
- Difficulty with self-care skills
- Difficulty pronouncing the sounds in words (phonological disorder)
- Motor delay (difficulty with buttoning, zipping, writing)
- Motor clumsiness (developmental coordination disorder)
- Problems with socialization

High Risk Factors:

- Pregnancy trauma (such as infection, lack of pre-natal care, prematurity, drugs, alcohol, smoking, eating disorders, some prescription medicines)
- Viral, bacterial and/or genetic injuries
- Family history of learning disabilities
- Chronic ear infections
- Lead poisoning
- Low birth weight (especially less than two pounds)

Excerpt from: *When Pre-Schoolers Are Not "On Target" in Their Development: A Guide for Parents, Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Providers*

If you suspect your young child has a learning problem, contact Bamberg Elementary School at 469-7616 or 0951-300-7616 or email ChildFind@eu.dodea.edu to request a screening.

Kids & Teens

Hourly Childcare Available to help Holiday Shoppers!

CYS is now offering Hourly Child Care service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday during the month of December. Please sign up at CYS Central Registration Bldg. 7340 or call 0951-300-8660.

Sat. Dec. 9—Saturday Skate Night at the Roller Realm

Come to the Roller Realm and have fun at Skate Night on Sat. Dec. 9. From 3 to 7 p.m. skating is open to the whole community, from 7 to 10 p.m. for CYS registered youths grades 6-12 only. Admission is \$4, skates can be rented for \$1. For more details call 0951-300-7452 or 469-7452.

Shop 'til YOU Drop! On Sat. Dec. 16! Parents Day Out—Free Child Care



Get your Holiday shopping done with help from Child and Youth Services. Free child care is being offered on Sat. Dec 16 from 11:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. for CYS registered children ages 6 weeks and up. Priority will be given to families with a deployed spouse. Sign up at CYS Central Registration, 0951-300-7716/8660, or 469-7716/8660.

Entertainment & Leisure



Tue. Dec 5 through Dec. 21 Register for a Holiday Raffle at the Thrift Shop

The Bamberg Thrift Shop is celebrating the holidays by giving away a giant "Family Fun" Holiday Stocking. The stocking is filled with an assortment of new items including a DVD / CD player, family games, DVD's and more... Stop by the Thrift Shop now through Dec 21 to register for your chance to win. One registration per family per day please. Drawing will be held on Thur. Dec 21 at 4 p.m. Winner does not need to be present to claim prize. For more information call the Thrift Shop during business hours at CIV:0951-32408. Happy Holidays from the Bamberg Thrift Shop and the B.S.C.C.

Wed. Dec. 13

Customer Appreciation Day at Bowling Center

The Bowling Center wants to thank its customers for their patience during the recent renovation by offering \$1 bowling and free shoe rental on Wed. Dec. 13 from 4 p.m. to closing.

Thur. Dec. 14

BSCC Grinch Luncheon



Make your reservation now for the BSCC "Dirty Grinch" Luncheon on Thur. Dec 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Warner Club. Cost is \$9 per person for lunch. If you would like to participate in the gift "swap" and "steal", please bring one present worth approximately \$10. Let the dirty grinch games begin! Please RSVP to BSCC_reservations@hotmail.com

Trips & Travel Opportunities

Ski Trips with Wuerzburg International Ski Club

Join WISC, pay the trip price, bring your skis, and show up for departure. For more information contact Candace at 469-7019 or go to www.wskiclub.org for the 2006/ 2007 trip schedule.

Jan. 12 - 15 - St Anton, Arlberg Ski Region

The high season is just around the corner. Head out now while the slopes are still quiet! . The bus will depart from Wuerzburg on Fri. Jan.12 at 5 p.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m. on Jan. 15 Trip Price per person is 270 Euro (single supplement 45) Price includes stay at 3-star Olympia hotel, www.tirol.com/hotel-olympia. Interested? Sign up for this trip closes on Jan 3. Final payment is due Jan. 10. For more information contact the trip captain at Jeffrey.blunden@wur.amedd.army.mil

AAFES News

Rental Vehicles and Tanking up at AAFES Gas Stations

The U.S. Forces Customs Office in Bamberg would like to inform you of the guidance for rental vehicles to purchase gasoline coupons and/or refill at an AAFES Gas station. AAFES will not accept rental contracts without a letter of authorization to purchase gasoline at an AAFES Gas station. The memo must be approved by the Unit Commander or a civilian supervisor. The purchaser must also have a rental agreement, title of the rental vehicle, and a valid DOD ID card matching the rental agreement. Rental vehicles are for a period of less than 1 year. Unit commanders and supervisors will approve the purchase of motor fuel for rental vehicles for assigned military and civilian personnel. Based on convenience and control, installation commanders will designate approving authorities for those eligible to purchase fuel on TDY or leave. The approving authority will prepare letter of authorization to purchase gasoline or fuel. The original LOA will be used to record both the approval and purchase of motor fuel for rental vehicles at AAFES Gas stations in Germany. For further information call the Bamberg U.S. Forces Customs Office at DSN 469-7460.

AAFES Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is
CLOSED Tues. and Wed.



Sat.	Dec. 9	School For Scoundrels (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Deck the Halls (PG)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 10	Open Season (PG)	4 p.m.
		School For Scoundrels (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 11	The Guardian (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Dec. 14	School For Scoundrels (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 15	Turistas (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 16	Everyone's Hero (G)	4 p.m.
		Turistas (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 17	Everyone's Hero (G)	4 p.m.
		Employee of the Month (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 18	The Marine (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Dec. 21	Employee of the Month (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 22	The Holiday (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 23	Flicka (PG)	4 p.m.
		The Holiday (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 24	Flicka (PG)	4 p.m.
		Man of the Year (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 25	The Departed (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Dec. 28	Man of the Year (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 29	Blood Diamond (R)	7 p.m.

Outside the Gate!



Christmas Market for Arts and Crafts

Sat. Dec. 9 and Sun. Dec. 10

Don Bosco Youth Aid is pleased to invite you to the Christmas Market for Arts and Crafts at 15 Jakobplatz, Bamberg in the historical rooms of the St. Josephsheims. On Sat. Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sun. Dec 10 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Live music at the Jazz Club, Obere Sand Str. 18

Sat, Dec. 16 Uni Big Band – Entry 19 at 9 p.m.

Cost: 9 and 6 Euros

Fri, Dec. 22 Scheinsohr Selection – Funk, Soul and Soft Rock at 9 p.m.– entry price TBD

Visit an Advent Calendar House (next to C&A)

The Fuchs Bakery opens an advent calendar window on its bakery during December each day at 4 p.m. Take part in the daily activities and events starting at 4 p.m., which are perfect for children during the holiday season. Children can make Christmas presents at a minimum cost while mom and dad enjoy live music, baked goods and glühwine.

Children's events all start at 4 p.m. daily!*

- Dec. 9** Make, decorate and bake Christmas cookies (50 cents)
- Dec. 10** Sew a fashionable children's bag (1 Euro)
Enjoy trumpet music
- Dec. 11** Author Paul Maar will read from his latest children's book and bake cookies with all the children. An autograph session will follow baking activities. Bring your Paul Maar books for him to sign. See a musical production too.
- Dec. 12** Make Christmas presents from natural materials and sing Christmas songs
- Dec. 13** Make manger sheep and lambs from real wool
- Dec. 14** Bake cookies with a baker and enjoy live music
- Dec. 15** Color your own apron (2 Euros) and meet famous soccer players (FC Eintracht Bamberg) who will sign autographs

*Look in the next Warner Weekly for the rest of the December dates to take part in activities at the advent calendar house.

Salsa Navidad – Sat. Dec 16

Do you like to Salsa dance? Don't miss the largest Salsa Party in Bamberg "Salsa Navidad" at Haas-Säle on Obere Sandstr. 7. The party starts at 7 p.m. and cost 6 Euros. A crash course in Salsa dancing will be offered at 8:30 p.m. for more information about Salsa dancing and Latino Events go to www.salsaservice.de



The Habana – Salsa Lessons every Wednesday

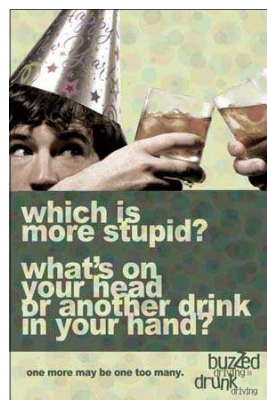
The Habana, Boettgerstr. 4 offers dancing classes every Wednesday. Open dancing starts at 10 p.m. after classes. Every last Saturday of the month the Habana has Salsa partys.

Café Luitpold – Salsa Fever

Starting in January Café Luitpold will host "Salsa Fever" ever second Saturday of the month.

Thur. Dec. 14 – Kontakt Club Karaoke Christmas Party

You are invited to attend the Kontakt Club Karaoke Christmas Party on Thur. Dec. 14 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Bamberg Airfield. What is Kontakt? Kontakt began in 1969 as a program developed by the US-Army Europe and the Federal Ministry of Youth, Family, Women and Health. It gives US personnel, Soldiers and Civilians the opportunity to make German friends, practice speaking German and learn more about our host nation. Experience Germany! Join Kontakt!



Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.

The holiday season between Thanksgiving and New Year's is one of the deadliest and most dangerous times on roadways due to an increase in impaired driving. If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.